



ADVENT

2014

Announcements

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Baptisms to be Offered

Baptisms will be offered on Sunday, January 11, 2015 ("The Baptism of our Lord"). If you or your child(ren) wish to receive the sacrament of baptism, please contact the church office (912-355-7730) by Wednesday, December 31, 2014, in order to schedule an appointment for instruction.

CCA Annual Meeting Notice

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2015 (time to be determined). We will elect three new Vestry members. If you wish to nominate someone for a 3-year term, please call the church office (912-355-7730) for a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is Monday, January 5, 2015.

Parish Register

New Members

- Ramona and Michael Petersen
- Betty and Fred Sharp
- Loraine and Willie Goldwire
- Margaret Marshall Bishop, Ellison Helmly and Helen Bishop
- Lindsay, Jim, Sarah Katherine, James and William Bass
- Donnette Ansah
- Toni Dunham
- Anne Marie Grant
- Jeff Szabo
- Stefan, Jennifer and Steven Evans

Congratulations to

- Donna Butler and Reggie Adamson on their marriage on September 13, 2014
- Mercredi and Fred Cloud on the birth of Joicille Katie Anna Cloud on October 9, 2014
- Jennifer and Michael Cox on the birth of Finn Daniel Cox on October 13, 2014
- Page and Miller Hamrick on the birth of Elizabeth Pace Miller on October 24, 2014

We send expressions of our sympathy to those who have recently lost loved ones:

- Nathan and Katherine Hewitt for the death of Adele on August 26, 2014
- Liz, Sharon, and Kathryn Mays for the death of Rich on August 29, 2014
- Susan and Harry Moore for the death of Susan's father, Franz Stone, on September 15, 2014
- Anne Marie Grant for the death of her aunt, Viola Blue, on September 21, 2014
- Karen and Tom Cooper for the death of Karen's brother, Dennis, on October 26, 2014
- Emily and Warren Thrasher for the death of Emily's mother, Emily Harrison Short, on October 30, 2014
- Cindy and Richard James for the death of Cindy's grandmother, Dorothy Coleman, on November 1, 2014
- The Miller Family for the death of John B. Miller on November 7, 2014
- The Henderson Family for the death of Robert T. Henderson, Sr. on November 15, 2014

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Everyone is invited to our Church-wide Caroling Party at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 6. Held this year on St. Nicolas Day, we will meet at the Whitefield Center at 106 E. 37th Street, warm-up our voices, and then process by candlelight through the Thomas Square neighborhood bringing holiday cheer to homes and businesses in our new church neighborhood.

We will supply the candles, the songbooks, cider and hot chocolate. Please bring cookies, lots of cookies... wrap up some to share with the families we visit and bring enough for all to eat at the end of our festive Church-wide Caroling Party! We will include an invitation to our Christmas services with the cookies.

Imagine, a knock on your door, and you open it to find a yard chock full of candle-lit carolers singing of the coming birth of the Christ Child and wishing you and your family a most Merry Christmas! We will return to the

Whitefield Center for cookies, hot chocolate, and fellowship at the end of our journey. Please dress for festive outdoor caroling...Christmas sweaters, scarves, and hats.

THE ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

All of the choirs of Christ Church Anglican will present the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 14.

Come and hear of the coming of the Christ Child in this historic service of nine Lessons and Carols presented in scripture and song.

This special service is also a fine opportunity to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors and invite them to your church for a both a powerful and a beautiful witness of the Jesus Child and His light coming into the world.

Begun at King's College Cambridge England, this nearly 100-year-old service is broadcast live to the entire world each Christmas Eve. Interestingly, our church has produced the only DVD of this service from a U.S. church (available on

Amazon.com) as well as a CD of the "best of" which makes for a terrific Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. Copies of both the DVD and the CD may be ordered from our church's website or purchased at the church office.



Mark K. Williams, Parish Musician

Announcements

Our 2014 Garage Sale

Many of you have asked about the financial results of our Garage Sale. It was a successful endeavor on so many fronts. People came out to help from Thursday through Saturday to assist in unloading cars, pricing items, picking up items, and stepping up to the plate in cleaning, sweeping, organizing, pricing, and selling.

We had an unexpected windfall of vintage costume jewelry from William and Monique Armstrong. As the stash had been stored in dress boxes for over thirty years the piles had to be sorted, cleaned, dried, bagged and priced. The results were five tables full of vintage jewelry. Several of us learned a lot about jewelry designers and vintage fashions of the early 30's and 40's. A lot of camaraderie took place during these gatherings



*Diane Saturday, Ruthie Wright and Nancy Luse
doing their best to sell, sell, sell!*

Betty Morris and her crew did an outstanding job of setting up a Garden Center on the lovely lawn. Betty and her friend, Mike, worked tirelessly before the sale to clean out the existing beds of weeds, established edges, and put in 50 bales of pine straw to make the grounds perfect for our shoppers. The grounds are beautiful now.

Sharon Lawson and Susan White organized a wonderful Bake Sale, and Greg Malley provided Pulled Pork Sliders and all the sides. Thanks to the Kuhn family for their offerings of patio furniture that were treasures we decided could be additions to our lovely grounds. The iron tables and chairs and a wicker swing are just perfect for our gardens and will be used for many gatherings from now on!

Thanks to so many of you who provided additional items to be sold, or baked for the Bake Sale, assisted in calling, "talked it up," worked on scheduling, worked in Check Out, ...and to the Nickles' family who put each member to work for several days! CCA staff did an amazing job of keeping the information about the sale forwarded to our congregation. Tabulating the funds received is a big task and I want to thank all of you for this amazing job. To All of You, Thank you for your time and support for our kitchen remodeling. To God Be the Glory!

Net Proceeds: \$6850.37 (with eBay sales still to come!)

Helen Marshall

Future Worship at Our New Home

The Vestry and Parish Council, along with other key leaders in the parish, have explored a number of possible worship schedules once we arrive at our new home at 2020 Bull Street. For several months, ideas and proposals were given prayerful consideration. As we enter our new home, the proposed worship schedule will be as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. – Early worship (1928 Book of Common Prayer)
- 9:15 a.m. – Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. – Later worship (ACNA Rite), followed by hospitality

Once we get established in our new home (perhaps summer), we will review our worship needs at that time.

In addition to this Sunday schedule, the Vestry and Parish Council are excited about introducing a Wednesday evening gathering at our new home that will include a parish-wide supper, informal worship, and opportunities for small group development. Details of our Wednesday evening gathering are still being worked out, but there is a growing energy for this ministry and its contribution to the nurture and development of our parish family.

The Council recommended to the Vestry that we consider how to bring more life to our worship, more openness to the Holy Spirit, and an atmosphere that is sensitive to and welcoming of those unfamiliar with Christian life and worship. The Vestry agreed with this vision for parish worship. Please join us in praying that our worship at CCA will reflect the glory of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the richness of our Anglican heritage, both to regular worshippers and visitors alike.

Marc Robertson

2020 Bull Street Update

Renovation News



The new chancel under construction

Many thanks to all of the volunteer work crews who have cleaned out the church building so contractors could begin their work. Soon, more volunteer work crews will begin specific projects in specific rooms within the building, from Sunday School class rooms to offices and the parish hall. As we renovate our new home, may the Lord renovate our own hearts, teaching us patience and hope, and drawing us together in that unity that only the Holy Spirit can achieve!



These piles of debris were removed in one hour by some great volunteers!

Marc Robertson



*Gene Clatterbaugh
hard at work*



Work parties can be fun!

2020 Move-in Date Changes

While it was our goal to celebrate Christmas Eve in our new home at 2020 Bull Street, we now realize that we cannot legally and safely occupy the building. As we go to press, our hope is to leave Independent Presbyterian Church no later than the end of January 2015, but the Future of the Church Committee will be carefully monitoring our progress and assessing our options.

Introducing



I so enjoy writing this column. It gives me a unique opportunity to get to know members of my parish family. So although Richard and Cindy James have lived in my neighborhood for a few years and we see each other most Sundays, it was a special treat to spend an hour or so with Richard on a recent Sunday afternoon. I

have a feeling that Richard and Cindy don't have many uninterrupted hours in a typical week with three daughters and a new medical practice. Richard is a dermatologist and Mohs surgeon. For those of you who are not familiar with Mohs surgery, it's a technique of removing skin cancer tissues and examining them while the patient waits so that the surgeon can assure that removal is complete. Richard drives all over Southeast Georgia performing this type of surgery. He especially enjoys reconnecting with patients in the Hinesville area because he has a special place in his heart for military patients, and runs into some of the same people he treated while on active duty at Fort Stewart.

Richard, a native of Richmond, Virginia, attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in the ROTC program. After college, he attended the Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences, a sort of "West Point" for the training of doctors, and completed his dermatology residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Then, of course, he was obligated to serve the Army for several years but Richard made a career of being an Army doctor. He served 24 years, 10 of which were spent in the Washington, D.C. area. He was also stationed in Germany, Hawaii, and North Carolina. He had two stints at Fort Stewart. Now he has retired from the Army and is in private practice. He and his family were drawn to retire in Savannah because of the pace of life and the weather. They also like being near the water and boating.

When Richard and Cindy first moved to the Savannah area in 2000, they attended St. Peter's Episcopal Church at the Landings. Richard was a "cradle Episcopalian", having attended All Saints Episcopal Church in Richmond as a child, where he sang in the Boys Choir. He was less involved in a church in his high school and college years but Cindy, whom Richard describes as a

HERO: His wife, Cindy (Richard says she's a tough lady and very caring and "I'm not sure how I deserve her...")

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 3:5-6

ALWAYS IN HIS FRIDGE: Half and half, and a pork product, probably bacon

"true believer with a Presbyterian/ Methodist background," led him back into the pews and their faith started to grow. Richard says that growth has really been accelerated at CCA in the last 5 years. Cindy found Christ Church when her family was moving back to Savannah for a second time in 2009. Richard explained that they didn't even undertake their usual "church shopping" after Cindy visited Christ Church. She felt an immediate connection. Richard is excited about the upcoming move to 2020 Bull, explaining that "although we don't know exactly what it will look like, it will be ours" and will provide some clarity to our future. He sees the Lord's hand in CCA's recent history because the Lord has provided for us in so many ways we didn't anticipate.

Richard is serving his second year on the Parish Council; he's an usher and he was on the last search committee for a youth minister. He also took his two older daughters on the 2014 Belize mission trip, and speaks highly of the experience. He enjoyed being with other parishioners who knew the country so well and watching his girls connect with new acquaintances in Belize. So while Richard is a busy man, I think it's clear that he can make time for things of importance.

Dottie Courington



*Who will be in our next issue?
This photo should give you a hint!*

Campus Ministry

Why are we doing Art March?



I'm sure that many of you have been wondering this very question! What's the point of hosting galleries regularly? Is this something that we as the Church should be doing with our time and resources? These are legitimate questions. And maybe hosting Whit's End Gallery is a bit outside the normal confines of what we consider to be "doing church."

I offer that the Whit's End Gallery accomplishes a variety of goals. Before we figure out all the purposes and objectives, it might be helpful to understand what we mean when we talk about culture and beauty.

We as Christians believe that God as Creator has fashioned us in his likeness to be re-creators as part of our identity in him. God is the first culture-shaper and therefore, so are we. Our Judeo-Christian faith has a longstanding tradition of embracing the world as more than just some practical, utilitarian experience. Rather, we see the created world as an artistic outpouring from God. Beauty and creativity have been instrumental in our bringing God's goodness down to earth as we worship and work. The Church has always embraced the beautiful along with artists and creators.

We see that God enjoys beauty and wants us to enjoy it too. Isn't the end goal of life to bring Glory to God? Well, for artists, their craftsmanship is their attempt to bring the transcendent down to us - into our midst. There are a variety of art mediums, and only some can be constrained and displayed in a small gallery. It's also true that some art seems to bring us closer to the transcendent. Art is always subjective.

So why have a gallery?

First, we are meeting college students, SCADites and other folks from the Thomas Square neighborhood. We are getting to know this new neighborhood in a casual, non-threatening manner. I've even had quite a

few conversations with folks who seem ill-advised on their understanding of Christ Church Anglican as an anti-gay place because of pop news about the litigation. Whit's End opens up dialogue and opportunity for people to meet us and see us in a new light. Meeting people, especially college students, could lead them to our church and to Anglican Campus Fellowship.

Second, we begin to subversively have an influence on culture. The Art March is a platform for a conversation that we have some control over. We are slowly becoming known as a church that cares about the arts and culture. As we move to 2020 Bull, we will continue to have the opportunity to speak into this neighborhood and offer our perspectives on beauty, transcendence, longing and culture. We as Anglicans believe ourselves to be culture-shapers and we should not be shaped by the world around us.

Finally, Art March is attempting to bring glory to God. This is just the first step. As students and artists feel blessed by us and people begin to see us caring about what the city of Savannah cares about, then we can continue pointing to why we do this: all for the glory of God. Ultimately, Whit's End Gallery hopes to play a small part in this kingdom glory project. We're hopefully pointing folks to see a world of beauty with Christ as the center and God above all.

If we can accomplish these three objectives, then we will have more opportunities to speak into the lives of SCAD students and artists in this city - offering them a place of community, a place to try on their gifts and talents, a place to one day call home.

Robert Evangelista
Campus Minister



Why Do We Do That?

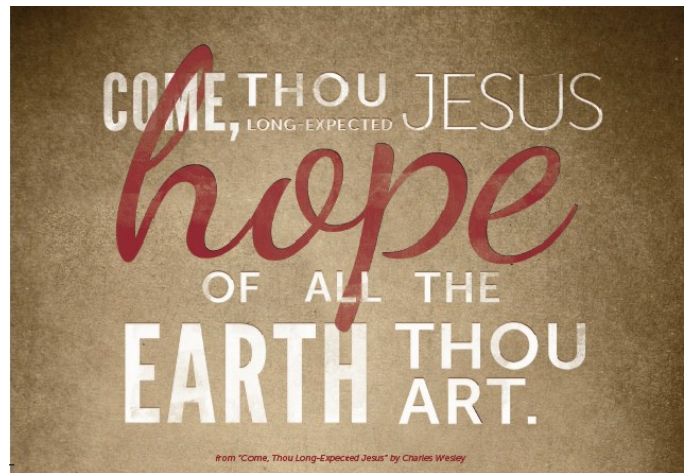
What is Advent?

Editor's Note: This column appears in each issue and is intended to help explain various Anglican traditions to the newcomer and may serve as a "refresher course" for the "oldcomer." If you have a question for this column, please submit it to the church office or email jmalley@ccasav.org.

Anglicans join millions of Christians throughout the world in the observance of Advent, the season leading up to Christmas. "Advent" comes from the Latin word for "coming," and touches on the great first and second coming of our Lord. The lessons of Scripture appointed for reading in worship for the early part of Advent focus on our Lord's second coming at the end of time; the Scriptures appointed for the latter part of Advent focus on our Lord's birth in Bethlehem.

The liturgical color used at Christ Church Anglican for Advent is blue (sometimes called "sarum blue"), which is a color associated with the hope of the Gospel as well as the role of the Virgin Mary in the birth of Jesus. The term "sarum" is associated with the use of this color in medieval England. In some churches the color purple is used (which is also used for Lent), but we use blue to help distinguish Advent from Lent and to focus on the hope and expectancy of the Advent season rather than repentance, which is the focus of Lent.

Hope and expectancy are important elements of the Christian life. The Christian hope is not wishful thinking, but a certain confidence in the God who keeps His promises, the greatest of which is the promise of His Son, Jesus. Expectancy is an attitude of the heart that is open to the work of the Holy Spirit which expects the Spirit to accomplish the work of God in our lives. Unlike "expectation," which has a certain fixed anticipation often born out of our own agenda, "expectancy" is more open-ended, looking for whatever the Holy Spirit may



bring us rather than asking the Spirit to put His stamp of approval on our own desires.

While the world around us will be brimming with Christmas consumerism, Anglican Christians quietly and faithfully await the birth of our Savior, learning from God the deeper meaning of patience and endurance as we celebrate our hope in Jesus, Emmanuel, who is "God with us."

Marc Robertson

(The season of Advent marks the start of a new church calendar year and is observed the four Sundays before Christmas. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 30.)

Community Groups

Loving — Learning — Liturgy — Serving

Community is at the very heart of all reality. It is centered in the Holy Trinity. The natural, loving outflow of this community was expressed supremely in the Incarnation: God became flesh and dwelt with us as the man Jesus (John 1:1, 14; 3:16).

When Jesus began His earthly ministry, the very first thing He did was to gather followers in community (Matthew 3:13-15). As a natural, loving outflow of this Apostolic community, Jesus sent His disciples out on mission (Luke 10:1-2).

When the church was birthed on Pentecost, the very first thing God did was to gather ethnically and linguistically diverse people into an authentic, loving community. Luke tells us in Acts that these believers were compelled by the Holy Spirit to be together for fellowship. They were together in the temple and in their homes. They gathered to love one another, to learn Scripture and to worship God. And when others saw their love and transformed lives, even more people believed (Acts 2:43-47). As a natural, loving outflow of the early church's community, the Lord sent disciples out on mission to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:18-20).

This is God's pattern. First, authentic community centered on Him. Second, as a natural, loving outflow of community, we are compelled by the Holy Spirit to join God in His mission in the world; a mission that seeks to form a people who belong to Him, who reflect his character, and who share His concern for seeing the world become a just and joyful place.¹

The purpose of CCA Community Group Ministry is to join God in His mission. We want to see every member of CCA experience Jesus Christ in our midst ministering to us and through us to one another, bringing transformation to our neighborhoods, schools, communities and lives.

Being engaged with the community of God's people is essential for every follower of Jesus Christ. It reflects God's heart, God's order and God's priorities. To cultivate this common life here at CCA, our Community Group Ministry is planning to birth more and more Community Groups. These groups will do four simple things as they gather (Acts 2:43-47):

1. **Loving** – We will gather for fellowship and friendship
2. **Learning** – We will study Holy Scripture
3. **Liturgy** – We will worship and pray together
4. **Serving** – We will serve one another, our neighborhoods, the city and the world with the love of Jesus.

Please pray for this ministry as it grows, that the Lord will raise up wise and Godly leaders who have a love for God's Word and His people. If you believe the Lord may be calling you to extend hospitality to a Community Group, please speak with Fr. Layne (912-355-7730).

(¹ adapted from *Fellowship Group Handbook* (1997), Redeemer Presbyterian, NYC, NY)

Steppin' In and Steppin' Out

Our Community Group tries to step into the Gospel but to also step out. After we end a study we often have gatherings to invite neighbors and friends in for food and drink. We ask folks to come try us out, especially newcomers. We meet straight through the summer because learning, prayer needs and eating know no season. Because of our traveling hosts, we share hosting and teaching when they are out of the country or out of town, travelin' around to different neighborhoods. Recently we organized Project Bean and, through several spiritual twists and turns, were able to offer 750 lbs. of beans to the Haiti effort that the Christian Revival Center has led for so long.



When we finished studying Kellers' *Gospel in Life*, we were challenged to organize a way to reach out to others.

Robert Evangelista proposed the inaugural Anglican Campus Fellowship monthly dinner for SCAD students. We enjoyed preparing and sharing a meal with students on Sunday evening at the Whitefield Center. We'll probably do that again.

Stepping into God's word reminds us that the Gospel is all about sharing God's love. In Acts 1:8 Jesus says we will be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to grow, to share and to serve in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ.

*The Sword Sharpeners,
Monday night at 7 PM in Greater Sandfly*

The Whitefield Center

Whitefield Foundation Celebrates First Anniversary

The Whitefield Foundation celebrated its one year anniversary on the 29th of October. A lot has happened over the past year. We have been concentrating our efforts in three basic areas: Outreach to the Thomas Square Neighborhood; Education Programs for at risk students and the working poor; and funding the Renovation of the Whitefield Center building.

1.) Outreach: The Whitefield Center is partnering with about a dozen Care Providers who are reaching out to the working poor in the Thomas Square neighborhood. We are also partnering with about a dozen Churches and Volunteer Organizations some of whom are coming to Thomas Square for the first time. Volunteers select opportunities online through our website www.whitefieldfoundation.org. If you haven't had a chance to visit, we invite you to do so. Ramona Petersen is our Coordinator who is the bridge between our care providers and volunteers. She reports the following:



"The weekly women's bible study and gospel singing at Williams Court Apartments is still going strong. There is a faithful group of residents and volunteers from the community who meet each Tuesday afternoon for fellow-

ship, prayer, study and worship. With Kayron Stevens at the helm, the group is thriving. If you are interested in getting to know some of our delightful neighbors at Williams Court, please contact Kayron (kayron@comcast.net; 912-344-6600) about joining the ladies on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m.

Also at Williams Court, over 80% of the senior citizens who were on the waiting list to receive monthly visits and groceries have now been adopted! The Brown Bag Volunteers have a wonderful opportunity to minister to those who need a little



extra help with their groceries, and these volunteers are providing a personal touch by purchasing and delivering non-perishable food items and checking on their adopted resident. There are still a couple of residents on the waiting list, so if you would like to be part of the Brown Bag Volunteers, please contact me (Ramona.petersen@juno.com; 214-929-2870)."

Ramona is doing a great job for us and is working with a St. Joe/Candler retired nurse to set up a much needed program whereby volunteers help Williams Court residents who may need assistance keeping up with their medical needs and have a listening ear. We also have been requested to provide a basic family finance course at Sister's Court and in January will become a certified IRS site to help low income families in Thomas Square receive a refund as many have never filled out a return before. Volunteers, please contact John Albert (jalbert45@comcast.net; 912-663-6096).

The Bull Street Library is also looking for volunteers to work in their new book store/gift shop. Volunteers should be good with customers, able to work a simple cash register and be available to work at least one three-hour shift per week. This is a good way to connect with both the Thomas Square residents and the staff at our soon-to-be neighbor—the Bull Street Library. Contact Ramona Petersen if you are interested in this opportunity.

The Whitefield Center

2.) Education: The Whitefield Foundation has set up a Computer Center through contributions from St. Joe/Candler and Mr. & Mrs. Roger Yancey. This Center will be used in the GED program, after school tutoring, Adult Education and will serve as our IRS certified site to assist low income families in the Thomas Square Area.



What we do: Provide a varied educational and basic life-skills “catch-up” initiative in the most challenged and underemployed neighborhood of Savannah....the historic Thomas Square Streetcar Neighborhood.

How we do it:

- Personalized GED Instruction for young adults. Currently serving 6 working adults who otherwise would not have a GED opportunity available to them.
- High School Finances for Life: Basic personal finance, saving and investing, workforce preparedness, etiquette and interviewing skills. Currently serving 20 Thomas Square students at Savannah High and 12 Thomas Square middle school students at the Fresh Start Academy at East Broad Elementary.
- In-school and after-school Tutoring and Mentoring for elementary students for the purpose of getting them at grade-level status and beyond. Students who read well generally excel at all subjects. Currently serving 25 Thomas Square students at the Savannah Classical Academy and 75 Thomas Square students at Gadsden Elementary.

How we measure it:

- Individualized and Measured Approach
- Outcome based
- Personal relationships and Accountability a requirement of those that we serve

Contact Steve Dantin to get involved
(sdantin@earthlink.net; 912-484-8843)

3.) Renovation: The original plan for Whitefield Center was to move the building to accommodate the construction of a sanctuary in the “not too distant future.” After 2020 Bull was purchased and CCA struggled to come up with all the funds necessary to pay for and renovate the Bull Street property, it was clear a change in plans was necessary. On October 2nd, Whitefield leadership met with the Vestry who approved a plan to renovate the Whitefield Center building in its current location. The Foundation has been successful in winning a grant from the National Heritage Trust which will allow us to begin the architectural and permitting plans for restoration of the Center. We also have received a generous grant from the Colonial Oil Foundation and have two other Foundations that we have high hopes will approve our proposals by year end. This will be an incremental process that will be based on our success in raising restoration funds, but at this point we anticipate being able to begin restoration of the building by the end of the first Quarter of 2015. The first Phase would be restoration of the exterior of the building and the second Phase would include bathrooms and classrooms on the second floor.



Children's Ministry

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want you to know that I will be transitioning out of my role on staff with the Children's Ministry effective either January 1 or February 1, depending on the need. I look forward to getting things physically set up in the new building and helping to ensure a smooth transition. I have been very grateful for the opportunity to work with our children, families, and volunteers and to bring our Children's Ministry to a place that's safe and engaging for the children and honoring to Christ. However, I believe it's time for me to step back and simplify Sunday mornings for my family at CCA. It is a priority that our children are cared for and ministered to and I ask for your prayers as I work with Fr. Marc and others to consider the best next steps for the leadership of our Children's Ministry.

*Gratefully Yours,
Meg Welch*

Children's Church Update

We began Children's Church at the beginning of September as a ministry to our young children (age 5 through 3rd grade) during the 9 a.m. service. The children leave immediately following the Children's Homily and return during the Peace (or somewhere thereabout). During Children's Church, the children have LIVE music (!) led by some of our talented parishioners, a story, and an activity to further engage them with the lesson. The children have enjoyed being together, learning



accessible songs, learning about God's great love for them... not to mention getting their wiggles out! I am so excited that we plan to continue this ministry when we move to our new church building!

I am SO grateful to Susanne Evangelista who stepped up with enthusiasm to offer leadership in planning the children's time together! Many thanks also to the other musicians and story leaders and helpers who have helped to make this ministry a blessing to the children! I have been encouraged by how the Lord has cared for our children through this particular ministry.



Nursery Committee Thanks

Thank you to Heather Ford who has served on our Nursery Committee for many years and is stepping off to focus on her other responsibilities. She has been a tremendous asset to this ministry (and other areas of Children's Ministry) and has been so giving of her time in talent in every way possible! Many thanks to her for her selfless service!

Parish Weekend photos

The children had a wonderful weekend in St. Simons Island for Parish Weekend! Don't miss the photos on pages 16 and 17 of the Newsletter.

Children's Nativity Dress Rehearsal

We will have one **Dress Rehearsal on Sunday, December 21, from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.** We will be handing out practice music during the Sunday school hour in the coming weeks.

Men's Ministry

Men's Retreat



The recent men's gathering out on Tybee Island was a wonderful opportunity for me to connect to other men. To be honest I struggled with going for a number of reasons - new to the church, just had surgery, long/hard week of work - but knew that going was my opportunity to connect with men. I'm happy to report that God did not disappoint. An evening of good food and fellowship was followed up by a morning of worship and small groups and getting to know one another on a deeper level.

The older we (men) get, the harder it is for us to make friends. Personally, the biggest obstacle I have in making new friends and keeping existing friendships going is time. It takes time to get to know someone. It takes effort. It requires us to be willing to be vulnerable and possibly be rejected, something we as men hate because it makes us feel so small and "un-masculine" when it happens. ***But the rewards are worth it.*** Life is a team sport and it's meant to be played together with other men, not alone. Our weekend at Tybee was a reminder that "men together" is how life was meant to be.

Michael Petersen



Music Ministry

A Fine New Organ for Christ Church Anglican

In 2008, our Parish Musician finished design and construction work on a medium-sized practice organ for his home in Gordonston. “I wanted the instrument rooted in the finest traditions of historical organ building and to look as good as it sounded, and to sound as good as it looked. I also wanted to extend my own skills of organ building to take advantage of the newest state-of-the-art technologies. These were the primary goals for this venture.”

Williams began design work in 2006 when organists and organ builders began buzzing about a new type of pipe organ software coming out of England. “Hauptwerk is designed by Martin Dyde, an organist who is also a software engineer. Martin has employed the advent of super-fast computer technology, now easily available and affordable, to render digital algorithms of actual sampled pipe work from some of the world’s finest pipe organs,” shares Williams. “He actually samples every single pipe of a large pipe organ including each pipe’s start sound, sustained sound, and finish sound as the air finishes its travel through the pipe. I have never heard sampled pipe organs sound as realistic on any digital pipe organ. When I play Mr. Dyde’s organ samples, I actually forget that I am playing recorded samples of pipes and not actual pipes and that was when I realized the dream of having a pipe organ in my home was a very real option.”



The Williams Organ 2008 (Opus 2)

The case from the Williams Organ (Opus 2) was constructed after the designs of a 17th-century northern German organ called the St. Nicholas Kirk Organ. “You can tell this because the organ case says Christmas from stem to stern....and my wife (Tina) liked the design concept enough that she even signed off on me building it and placing it in our living room!” Interestingly, the pipes on the front of the organ facade were taken from the Williams Organ (Opus 1) that Mark built in High School while still in Houston. “So I heard that the Catholic Cathedral in Galveston, the only building to survive the famous 1900 hurricane, was selling off the historic pipes from the old instrument as a new one was taking its place. I remember fondly that, at 17 years old, I got those pipes for \$1.00 a pipe! You should have seen my mom’s face when I brought home five ranks of pipes loaded in her car.” Although the pipes are now part of a non-sounding pipe facade, Williams says that they represent three of the major pipe families that make up a pipe organ: principal pipes (silver pipes on the sides), flute pipes (wooden pipes in the middle), and string pipes (the nest of pipes at the top of the organ).

“And so this leads us to our present situation as a church...a church with a building and no organ. began to see that the Lord had been training me up all along for this special moment in our church’s history, a moment when we need an organ and I actually know how to construct it...a state-of-the-art instrument,” said Williams. “And I can do it for only the cost of the parts.”

Music Ministry

Work on the new CCA organ (Williams, Opus 3, pictured at right) began this past July. Having procured a used organ console from a church in Charleston, a set of gently used European-made facade pipes from a pipe organ company in Tennessee, and funding from two loving and enthusiastic church members, Williams began the design process and procurement of materials. “I have been busy refitting the organ console which includes refinishing, redesigning, and rewiring the whole thing. It’s fun to put the woodworking and cabinet finishing skills I got from my dad who was in the custom furniture business some 40+ years and all the skills that I learned from the Williams Organs Opus’ 1 & 2 to work for our church. It’s essentially a giant arts and crafts project, and those who know me know that that’s an adult kid’s dream,” chuckles Williams.



Williams wiring some of the 900+ wires that control the organ and its hundreds of parts...one of the reasons it’s called, “The King of Instruments”.



Photo of Organ Facade Pipes arrival. Made in Holland by the same pipes maker that made pipes for Bach, they will look similar to the pipes on the IPC organ.

Shooting for an installation of this new Opus 3 organ by Founder’s Day 2015, Williams points out that the organ chambers still have to be constructed, the completed instrument broken down and moved to the new church from Williams’ back yard workshop, and the instrument installed and voiced (note by note) to sound properly balanced in the new church nave. Williams says, “If we don’t make it by Founder’s Day we will make it by Easter Sunday, and either date will bring us a fine new instrument that I am confident will bring joy, beauty, and meaning to our church’s worship. CCA has always been known as a singing church and the organ, because it also sings, has been for centuries a most powerful and effective instrument for leading the gathered people’s song. May the Lord continue to bless us in mighty and surprising ways as we move into our new church home at 2020 Bull Street.”

Parish Weekend Memories



All ages participate in the afternoon kickball game!

"Christ in us...the hope of glory!" Colossians 1:27

"Long overdue getaway!"

"Excellent speaker, superb organization, fun party!"

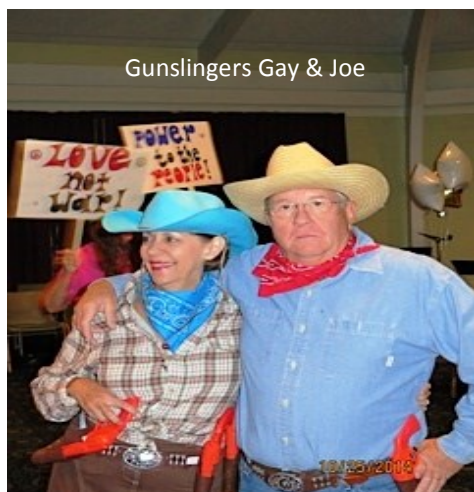
"Great cross generational time!"



Epworth Retreat Center, St. Simon's
October 24—26, 2014



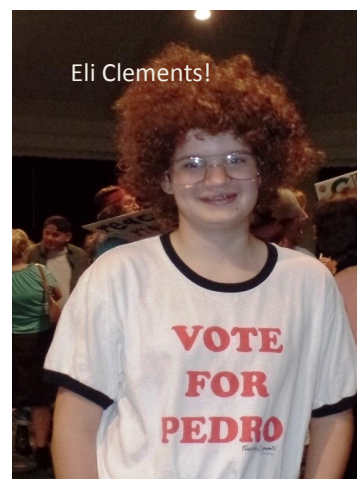
Parish Weekend Memories



Gunslingers Gay & Joe



Hippies Greg & Joan



Eli Clements!



More Hippies!
Clark & Carol



Decades
Dance =
Fun for
all ages!



Beatniks Susan & Claudia (with CANDY cigarettes!!!)



The Bass Family

Home Missions

Home Missions Keeps Busy

The Home Missions team has been busy, volunteering in many different ways:

GED tutorial happens on Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Whitefield Center. Steve Dantin, Wes, Linda, Kayron, Caroline and Lance Levens have the privilege of helping young women who because of circumstances in their lives had to drop out of school thus making good and progressive employment an impossibility. This has left them feeling helpless and hopeless. CCA offers a glimpse of hope. These girls come from clients of the Savannah Care Center, their friends, Covenant Care Adoption Center and word of mouth.

One young woman in particular who I met at Savannah Care Center named Monica has not missed but twice since we began last January, except for some pregnancy related health issues. Monica delivered a beautiful little girl on November 5th at Candler Hospital, weighing in at 6 lbs.-10 ozs. and had a head full of black hair. Monica is close to being ready to take her test and once she's better we will begin again (and Linda and I can cuddle this little girl!!)

These young women are trapped in a downward spiral without a way out and with no way to make a living. Through GED tutoring we can change that spiral to an upward way through the power of the Holy Spirit. Real change can only come with a relationship with Jesus Christ. Monica and her baby and Monica's mother told me at the hospital they want to come to CCA and start this journey.

2 Timothy 1:12 says "I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard that which we have entrusted to Him today." We and Monica trust God, and He never disappoints.



Monica and her mom



Michelle Wood in the Food Pantry

We also continue to lead singing and Bible Study at **Williams Court** on Lincoln and on the fourth Tuesday and Saturday of the month we volunteer at Calvary Chapel Church on Gregory St. at their new **Food Pantry**. Pastor Charles Wood, his wife Michelle and their little congregation give money each month for bus passes for the GED girls and the women at Williams Court. Their members also volunteered last year at the Tour of Homes. We partner with them to minister the Gospel to Savannah.

Call me and see how you can get involved! (912-344-6600)

*Kayron Stevens
Home Missions Team*

Global Missions

Celebration of Founders' Day and World Missions Sunday

February 15, 2015

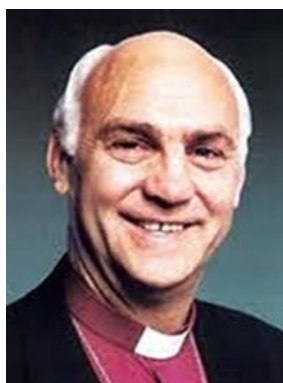
**followed by traditional Oyster Roast
at the Whitefield Center**

Teaching/discussion

Saturday, February 14, 9 AM - Noon

We have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Anglican heritage as a mission church founded by the Church of England during the same time that we focus on missions both at home and abroad with Founders Day and World Missions Sunday (as designated by the Anglican Church in North America).

World Missions Sunday, February 15, is designated by the ACNA as the last Sunday in Epiphany. After many of us heard the Rt. Rev. Ken Clarke at the New Wineskins Missionary Network Conference in 2013, we decided to invite him to come and teach and preach at CCA. The first available date on his calendar that matched up with another visit to the US "happened" to fall on this already designated Sunday for World Missions focus; plus, it corresponds this year with our Founders' Day celebration.



The Rt. Rev. Ken Clarke and his wife, Helen, will be with us during the weekend of World Missions Sunday for Saturday and Sunday. Bishop Clarke is an ideal person to draw together our history as being planted by Anglicans and our future as faithful Anglicans in a new time and place. He is a vibrant Irishman with a great sense of humor who is an engaging teacher and preacher.

Currently he is the retired bishop of the diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in the Church of Ireland. He has been a missionary to Chile, parish priest in Ireland, before he became a Bishop. He is currently the Missions Director of SAMS Ireland and UK. (SAMS is the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders.) He has written a book entitled, *Going for Growth: Learning from Peter* that was published in 2011.

At New Wineskins he taught a workshop entitled, "What a Model of Mission!" that focused on Jesus' model for mission that is about a way of life not divided into local and global. His description said, "They had mission in their arteries." We were invited to learn from their "priorities, passions, and practices."

We will offer a time for Bishop Clarke to teach on Saturday morning, February 14 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon beginning with coffee/tea and morning snack, two sessions of teaching and discussion with one break. He will preach and teach on Sunday morning. We will celebrate our past and future during the Sunday service followed by our traditional Oyster Roast at the Whitefield Center.

Please put these dates on your calendar and invite others to join us for a wonderful time of teaching and discussion as we continue thinking about being Jesus' disciples and missionaries wherever we are and wherever we go.

Watch your worship bulletins for more details to come on these special winter weekend events!

Claudia Thomas

For the Global Missions Team

Global Missions

Looking Back over 25 years

I don't remember the date when it all began. I was still a newcomer at Christ Church and the Youth returned from Belize. I suppose that was around 1990.

But I discovered that Christ Church did not have any Foreign missions programs outreach. Of course there was a home missions ministry to the area of Savannah with money provided through the Savannah Tour of Homes.

No foreign missions program? Since I was a voluntary missionary with the Mission for Biblical Literacy (MBL), I felt like this congregation was missing out on something BIG! Later I asked Fr. Marc Robertson if I could call a meeting of people who might be interested in praying for missions. A fair response! 7 or 8 of our members showed up after the worship service.

We all shared our thoughts and we did not dismiss ourselves until we took action to pray that God would lead us to be supporters of Christ's Great Commission. It was then that we each signed a covenant to be in prayer for foreign missions.

As I look over the past 24 years of volunteer work for MBL and with Christ Church Anglican, I want you to know that many CCA members have come aboard and shared their lives through the short-term mission ministry abroad! Thanks to the prayers and the generosity of Christ Church Anglican!

For example, Frank and Melly McNeal started the Partners for Progress in Belize, a program that raised funds to sponsor scholarships for youth of Belize encouraging them to finish school. Frank and Melly's continued work is well known among us.

About 1990, Susan White and Mary Hill journeyed into Belize to visit children that they had sponsored. But this ignited a spark in Susan to return later with small group of us. Susan then formed a partnership with the Board of Education of Belize and for many years afterwards provided continuing educational workshops to the teachers of Belize schools bringing trainers from the USA. And just recently, Clark and Carol Smith led an Alpha training seminar, just one of multiple trips they have led to Belize and to Uganda.



Turning our attention from Central America to Russia, the aim of the Mission for Biblical Literacy is focused on the theme, "Help Stamp out Biblical Illiteracy." In this time of wide and circulating global information, I believe that

Biblical knowledge needs to be accelerated and made available to all people of our world. Otherwise, how does one come to know the Love of God through our Savior and Lord named Jesus Christ?



In 1997, four of us (Fr. Marc Robertson, former member Dr. Julia Mikell, Dr. Claudia Thomas and me) journeyed into the city of Irkutsk in Siberia. Each of us provided lectures according to our professional disciplines to help the leadership of the Siberian Center for Bible Studies.

Global Missions



Lea Reeves with Russian soldiers

Other ministries were offered in other cities often including teenagers (Lea Reeves and Jon Robertson for instance).

Christ Church Anglican has been very supportive of the work especially in Russian orphanages, sending seven teams of missionaries on Short-term mission trips to Western Russia (area of Smolensk) and to Tambov, south of Moscow at different times.

There is not enough room in this article to name all events and team members, some which came from other churches to share our ministry.

Looking back, I recall that there many of our youth and young adults took this journey to discover the mission field! Instead, the discovery was the revelation of what was more desperately needed for our own souls!



Jon clowning around with orphans

I have a deep sense of gratitude to the many who have stepped out on faith to further the Great Commission. Most paid their own ways to travel but Christ Church Anglican along with MBL made the trip possible by sponsoring a large portion of the cost. I do not want to forget the parents who encouraged their teen-age kids to come along.

And finally, thanks to all of you saints, who have provided your prayers of intercession and also the many gifts of love for our young missionary apprentices. My special thanks to Fr. Marc Robertson for his encouragement and support.

I can now say that I am pleased with what I witness going on at Christ Church Anglican: we have just sent off Clark and Carol Smith to India; Brian and Mary Jane Dennison share timely reports from Uganda; Dave and Jen Cox report from Romania; Henry Clay and family members send out their timely newsletters.

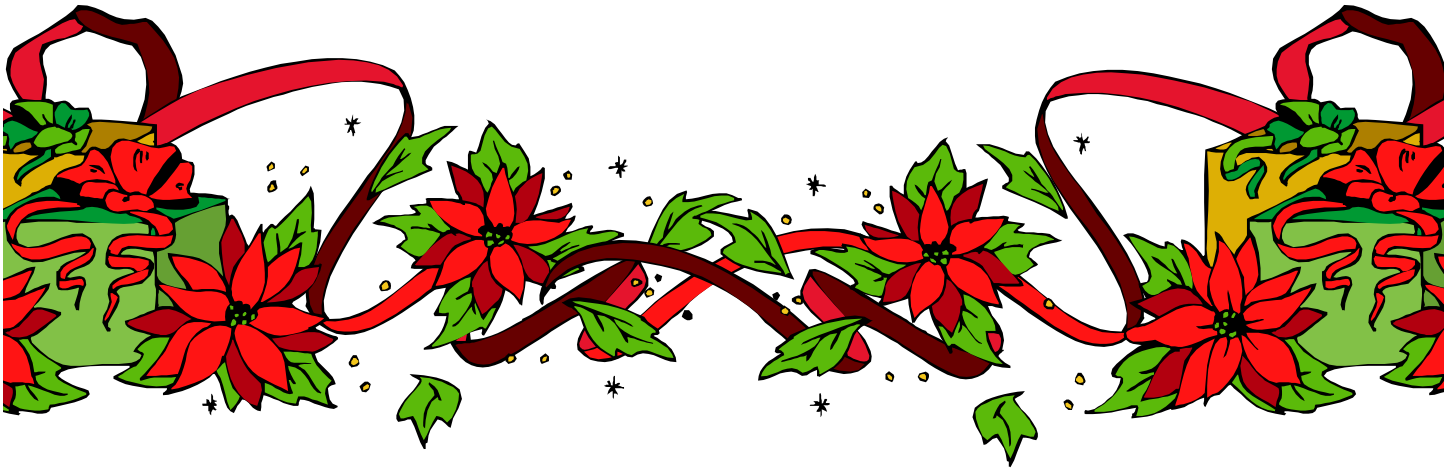
We have come a long way in our obligation to our Lord! But we have further to go!

*In Christ,
John Novikoff*

PS I know I did not cover all. My apology to the reader!

(John and his wife, Margot, recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary and then John left for his next mission trip to Russia!)

Christmas at CCA



Tuesday, December 23rd

IPC Chapel

5 PM Informal Eucharist and “Children’s Nativity”
(The Christmas Story with Carols and Costumes)

Followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall

Calling all Empty Nesters or Singles! We want to “gift” our young families with one less chore for the holidays by providing the reception. If you can help out by providing a savory or sweet, decorating, helping set up or clean up, please contact Joan (jmalley@ccasav.org; 912-355-7730) no later than Friday, December 19th.

Wednesday, December 24th

IPC Nave

8:30 PM Seasonal music selection

9 PM Festival Holy Eucharist (ACNA Rite) with choir and candlelight

Thursday, December 25th

St. Andrew’s (608 Hampton Street, off Waters Avenue)

10 AM Holy Eucharist (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

Parish Life Calendar

December 2014

4	4:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Wardens' Meeting Parish Council Meeting 65 th Street Office
6	5:30 p.m.	Church-wide Caroling Party Whitefield Center
7	11:45 a.m.	First Sunday Brunch IPC Fellowship Hall
11	3:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Tour of Homes Board Meeting Finance Committee Meeting 65 th Street Office
13	2:30 p.m.	Dress Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols IPC Nave
14	9 a.m.	Festival of Lessons and Carols IPC Nave
18	6 p.m.	Vestry Meeting 65 th Street Office
21	10:45 a.m.	Rehearsal for Children's Nativity Service IPC Chapel
23	5 p.m.	Informal Eucharist and Children's Nativity IPC Chapel
24	12 Noon 8:30 p.m.	Church Office Closed through December 26 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (seasonal music at 8:30 p.m.; service at 9:00 p.m.) IPC Nave
25	10 a.m.	Christmas Day Service (1928 BCP) St. Andrew's
31	12 Noon	Church Office Closed through January 2, 2015

January 2015

2	TBD	Art March Whit's End Gallery
10	5:30 p.m.	Newcomers' CONNECT Meeting Whitefield Center
11	9 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Baptisms IPC Nave Sunday School Classes begin Whitaker, Axson and Administration Bldgs., IPC

January 2015 (continued)

15	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Tour of Homes Board Meeting Wardens' Meeting Parish Council Meeting (with Vestry Nominees) 65 th Street Office
19	All day	Parish Office Closed for MLK Holiday
20	6 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting 65 th Street Office
22	6 p.m.	Vestry Meeting 65 th Street Office
25	9 a.m.	Tour of Homes Sunday/ Last Sunday at IPC

February 2015

6	TBD	Art March Whit's End Gallery
7	9 a.m.	WCCA Breakfast/ Book Discussion Whitefield Center
12	4:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Wardens' Meeting Finance Committee Meeting 2020 Bull Street
14	9 a.m.	Special World Missions Teaching Location TBD
15	9 a.m. 12 p.m.	Founder's Day/ World Mission Sunday Founder's Day Oyster Roast Whitefield Center
16	All day	Parish Office Closed for President's Day Holiday
18	12 p.m. 6 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service Ash Wednesday Service 2020 Bull Street
19	3:30 p.m.	Tour of Homes Board Meeting 2020 Bull Street
21	10 a.m.	Special Choir Rehearsal 2020 Bull Street
22	11 a.m.	CCA Annual Meeting 2020 Bull Street
27 & 28		Vestry/Parish Council Retreat Location TBD



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